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Part II

More Faces of the Fire Service



Firefighters Richard Feliciano and James Encalada (Tower Ladder 2)



Chief of Department Gerry Reardon, Former Governor Mitt Romney. - Tactical Aide FF Dan Maloney (Division1)



FF Jeremiah Hart (Squad 4) – FF Ryan Murphy and FLt. Fred Ikels (Engine 5)



FLt. James Drewicz, FF Adam Shuman, and FF Steve Kelley (Rescue 1)



FF Stephon Kinn, FLt. Robert Walsh (Engine 8) and FF Michael DeAmbrose (Truck 4)



FFs Raymond Vaillancourt and Edmund Friel (Engine 4)



FF Michael Franks, FCapt. Brian Gover, and FF Nathan Jarvi (Engine 1)



Truck 1 and Truck 3 members with Fire Apparatus Mechanic Steve Lopez – FF Ken Albert (Truck 1)



FF Richard Rycroft (Truck 4) - FF Paul Finnegan (Truck 3)



DFC Jim Burns (Tech Services) - Belmont Chief of Department David Frizzell



CAFD members – Tactical Aide Dave McCaffrey (Division 1)



FLt. Robert Walsh, FF John Pasquarello, and FF Joseph Waddie (Engine 8)



FLt. Brian O'Regan, FF Kevin Conroy, and FF Philip Amenkovicz (Engine 2)



FCapt. Greg Carter and FF Hugh Devlin (Squad 4)



DFC Bob Scott (Division 2), DFC Michael Morrissey (Division 1), and DFC Paul Sheehan (Division 2 covering the city)



FLt. Earl Howard and FF Kevin Pierre (Engine 3)



FCapt. Michael Bruno and FF James Encalada (Truck 2)



FLt. Tom Kotowski and FF Henry Sisco (Engine 6)



FF John McEachern, FCapt Charles Murphy, and FF Arthur Moy (Engine 9)

- Photos above by **Jay Connor**

Transfers

Per General Order 08 of 2009, effective Sunday, April 12, 2009 at 0700 hours:

Fire Lieutenant David S. Walles from Squad No. 4 to Training Division as Paramedic Coordinator and other EMS Training duties.

Fire Lieutenant Michael A. Donovan from Engine Company No. 3 to Squad No. 4

Fire Lieutenant David J. Pierce from Ladder Company No. 2 to Fire Investigation Unit

Fire Lieutenant Brian P. Higgins from Fire Investigation Unit to Fire Headquarters

Transfers

Per GO #10 of 2009, effective Sunday, May 3, 2009 at 0700 hours:

Firefighter William S. Dusablon from Engine Company No. 3 to Ladder Company No. 2

Firefighter Joseph C. Johnson from Ladder Company No. 2 to Headquarters

Transfers and Promotions

Per GO #13 of 2009, effective Sunday, June 7, 2009 at 0700 hours:

Firefighter Christopher S. Haynes from Rescue Company No. 1 to Acting Lieutenant, Ladder Company No. 2
Firefighter Robert A. Golden from Engine Company No. 4 to Acting Lieutenant, Engine Company No. 3

Retirements

Per GO #14, effective June 12, 2009, at 1900 Hours, **Firefighter John J. Kenney** retired from the Cambridge Fire Department. Firefighter John Kenney was **appointed on May 9, 1971**.

- May 9, 1971 Engine Company No. 8
- March 5, 1972 Engine Company No. 2
- April 23, 2006 Engine Company No. 4
- November 16, 2008 Fire Headquarters

Per GO #16, effective June 24, 2009, at 1700 Hours, **Fire Lieutenant Edward L. Enos** retired from the Cambridge Fire Department. Lieutenant Edward Enos was **appointed on February 17, 1974**.

- February 17, 1974 Engine Company No. 4
- March 13, 1977 Ladder Company No. 2
- January 10, 1982 Engine Company No. 7
- January 2, 1983 Aerial Tower No. 1
- March 4, 1984 Acting Lieutenant, Civil Defense
- April 15, 1984 Promoted to Lieutenant, Civil Defense
- October 12, 1986 Engine Company No. 3
- June 12, 1988 Engine Company No. 1
- February 26, 1989 Emergency Management
- April 16, 1989 Fire Headquarters

Assignment

Per GO #15, effective Sunday, June 21 2009 at 0700 hours:

Firefighter on Probation Joseph F. Fournier is assigned to Engine Company No. 3

Signal 10-15

The Chief of Department regrets to announce the death of **Firefighter Thomas J. Mahoney, Jr.**, of Engine Company No. 5 – retired. Firefighter Mahoney was appointed to the Cambridge Fire Department on 4 February 1951. His assignments were as follows:

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|-------------|----------------------|
| 4 Feb 1951 | Engine Company No. 3 |
| 26 Oct 1952 | Engine Company No. 5 |

FF Mahoney retired on 19 December 1978. He died on 11 May 2009. He was born on 5 April 1920

Firefighter Thomas Mahoney was a United States Army veteran of World War II, having served in Normandy and the European Theater.

The Chief of Department regrets to announce the death of **Fire Apparatus Repairman Ronald M. Gardner** of the Technical Services Division. Fire Apparatus Repairman Gardner was appointed to the Cambridge Fire Department 11 January 1981.

He retired on 20 February 2009 and died on 11 May 2009. He was born on 13 June 1950.

Fire Apparatus Repairman Gardner was a United States Army veteran of the Vietnam War. He was qualified as a Rifle Marksman and a Grenade Expert. His awards included the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with two Bronze Service Stars, and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.



- Photo by **FCapt. Brian Gover** (Engine 1)

The Chief of Department regrets to announce the death of **Deputy Fire Chief William J. Cantwell.**, of Fire Prevention – retired. Chief Cantwell was appointed to the Cambridge Fire Department on 10 September 1961. His assignments were as follows:

10 Sep 1961	Engine Company No. 7
29 Oct 1963	Rescue Company No. 1
15 March 1967	Promoted to Fire Lieutenant - Ladder Company No. 2
17 March 1968	Rescue Company No. 1
2 April 1972	Promoted to Fire Captain – Engine Company No. 8
20 June 1976	Rescue Company no. 1
10 Jan 1982	Promoted to Deputy Fire Chief – Fire Prevention Bureau

DFC Cantwell retired on 6 November 1992. He died on 31 May 2009. He was born on 28 June 1929.

Deputy Fire Chief Cantwell was a United States Navy veteran, having served on the USS Midway CVB 41, among other assignments.

Condolences to:

- **FF Dan Lewicki** (Ladder 2, group 2) on the death of his son, **Daniel S. Lewicki**.
 - **FF Edrice Vincent** (Truck 4, group 1) on the death of **Filipe Bizarria**, the son of **Ilda Almeida**.
 - **Fire Captain Pasquale DeMaio** (Engine 9, retired) on the death of his mother, **Mrs. Rose Marie DeMaio**.
 - **FF James Headd** (Headquarters) on the death of his mother, **Mrs. Vivian Toliver Headd**.
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Letters

Office of the President
Lesley University
5/4/09

Dear Chief Reardon,

I want to thank you and the members of the Cambridge Fire Department for your timely and expert response to the fires below Oxford Street near our buildings last Wednesday, April 29. Your department responded not just quickly, but also communicated clearly with us at each stage of the event.

All of us responsible for the safety of our students and property are very thankful to the Cambridge Fire Department for your expertise and dedication.

In appreciation,
Joe Moore

*(Editor's note: A still alarm, Incident # 011329, was initiated for the manhole fires on Oxford Street at 1201 hours on 29 April 2009. At least 3 manholes were involved, which generated high CO levels in two exposure buildings. These Lesley University dormitory buildings were evacuated without injury to occupants. Engine 1, Truck 1, Rescue 1, Squad 4, and Division 2 operated under command of **DFC Paul Sheehan**. Group 2 was on duty.)*

*(editor's note: the letter below was received via e-mail by **FLT. Hughes**. Thanks to **FCapt. Jenness** and the **Members of Engine 6**.)*

Dear Lt. Hughes & River Street Station Fire Fighters,

We had a wonderful visit with Group #1/Engine 6 this past Wednesday morning, we would like to thank you again and want you to know that the children (& parents) cannot stop talking about the trip! We hope to email you a our group picture taken outside of your neat station in the near future.

Thank you so much!
Toddler One North
Peabody Terrace Children's Center

May 20, 2009
Matignon High School

Dear Gerry Mahoney,

The entire Matignon Community, the SADD chapter, and I would like to thank you for the Auto accident demonstration on Thursday, May 14, the day of the prom. The scene was very realistic and the care to execute in a real life manner created an impact, which hopefully avoid the Real thing.

Thank you and your people for such willing cooperation. I hope we can repeat such an event every few years as memories fade and people regain the feeling "this could never happen to me."

Thank you and your great staff,

Susan Fitzgerald
Matignon High School

(Editor's note: **Engine 4, Truck 4, Squad 4, Rescue 1** (with **Tactical Rescue 1**), and **Division 2** participated in this realistic and professional demonstration.
Group 3 was on duty.
Professional Ambulance and the **Cambridge Police Department** also participated.)

William W. Harris
6 Longfellow Park
Cambridge, MA 02138

May 20, 2009

Chief Gerald Reardon
Cambridge Fire Department
491 Broadway
Cambridge, MA 02138

Dar Chief Reardon:

Again, we want to extend our profound thanks and admiration to you and your team. We remain in awe of the excellent work that your people have done. They risked their lives to provide safety and security to our neighborhood and others, and we are forever in your debt.

We have great appreciation and admiration for the department's bravery, professionalism, competence, and confidence.

Appreciatively,

Bill and Robie Harris

Field St.
Cambridge, MA
May 23, 2009

Chief,

On May 21, I fell in my yard (vertigo) and sustained a cut on the back of my head.

My son Michael called the Cambridge Fire Department, which promptly sent a paramedic unit. I commend these men for their extreme courtesy and professional manner.

Again, Thank You!

Respectfully,

Ed Griffin

*Editor's note: **Edward Griffin** is a retired Cambridge Deputy Fire Chief*

Hilltop Drive
Penfield, NY 14526

5/26/09

To Whom it May Concern:

This past Sunday, May 24th, I stopped by Cambridge Fire Headquarters for a visit with my family, my sister and her son, and my father. My Dad was a Cambridge Firefighter for 36 years. He retired in 1985 as a Deputy Chief and his name is Timothy O'Donnell.

Being a firefighter was his passion. He never complained about going to work and I can recall many times when he would bring my sister and brother in for a visit and hold us in his arms as he slid down the pole in that firehouse on Broadway.

One of his saddest days was when he had to retire when he turned 65 years old. Over the past 23 years, I have asked him why he never went back to visit and his response was always vague. He is now 88 years old and unfortunately had to recently go to live in a nursing home.

We took him out for a ride last Sunday with the intention of going for a walk at Castle Island in South Boston, however when the rain started falling we had to change our plans. Without letting him know where we were going, we drove to the firehouse on Broadway and told him we were all going in because his grandchildren wanted to see where he worked. Reluctantly, he got out of the car and walked inside with us.

We were greeted by one of the firemen working that day. I'm sorry I don't remember his last name, but his first name was Dave. I explained who we were and asked if it was o.k. if we came in for a visit. Dave was very friendly and he called another fireman down who had worked for a brief period with my Dad. His name was John (I think his last name was Kotowski). I wanted to thank both of these gentlemen for making this visit such a positive experience for all of us. My son and daughter and my nephew were able to climb up on the ladder truck for some pictures and they got to see firsthand where their grandfather worked for so many years. They were all born after he retired so this meant a lot to us.

But more importantly, my dad got to reminisce about people he knew and how things have changed over the last 23 years. The trucks may have changed, but the building looked just as he had left it when he said goodbye at retirement.

We got some great pictures of him in the firehouse (one which I plan on blowing up and framing for him for a Father's Day gift), and before we left, John presented him with a Cambridge Fire uniform T-shirt.

I can't explain how happy he was when we left there on Sunday. He actually said, "This is the best day of my life." I asked him one more time how come he never went back before this and his response was something to the effect that he felt he didn't belong there anymore and that no one would be interested in having him around. On both counts he was proven wrong when both Dave and John took time out to make him feel special. They showed that being a fireman is truly a Brotherhood for life.

If you see them, let them know that we say "Thanks Again" and that he proudly wears his Cambridge Fire T-shirt. The day was not only great for my father; it is a day I am sure I will never forget, nor my children. I do not believe it is possible for the City of Cambridge to be better represented than they were by Dave and John.

Sincerely,

Maura Davis (Tim's daughter)

*Editor's note: A tip of the helmet to **FF Dave McCaffrey** (Division 100) and **FLT John Kotowski** (Truck 1) for their professionalism and generosity.*

John J. Gelinas
491 Broadway
Cambridge, MA 02138

Dear John and everyone at the Station,

I just want to thank all of you for all your help and outstanding support. I am truly grateful.

Sincerely,

Krystal McLaughlin
Nashua, NH

*Editor's note: Thanks to the members of the **Headquarters Companies** as well as the members of **Professional Ambulance** who assisted Ms. McLaughlin whose car had become disabled IVO Fire Headquarters. She was en route to a Boston hospital to visit an immediate family member.*

The following Thank You note was sent to Engine 2, Truck 3, and Squad 2

Dear Firefighters,

Thank you so much for putting out the fire at our church yesterday. The building means a lot to us, and I am glad you were able to put out the fire before it was completely destroyed. I was so happy to hear that most of the books were saved as well as some of the other historical documents.

Thank you again for all your service,

Douglas Cannon
Columbia Street
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Firefighters,

Thank you so much for all of your hard work and service. You really went above and beyond by saving the pictures off the walls that were still salvageable. That building holds a lot of precious memories for all of us – my husband and I met there for the first time. It is comforting to know that we are in good hands.

Thank you so much!

Melissa Cannon

The following Thank You note was also received by Engine 2, Truck 3, and Squad 2

Dear Firefighters!

THANK YOU!!

For Everything!

We are so grateful for the time and effort you spent helping us in our time of need.

Thank you again!

Nicole

Lora

Abby

Carly

Lisa

And Longfellow Park 1st Ward (The Mormons)

*The following letter was received by **Mayor Denise Simmons**. It was sent to **Ms. Rosaleah Brown**, The Deputy Assistant to Mayor Simmons.*

Dear Ms. Simmons,

I'm hoping you'll see that this gets to the right place.

Last Monday 15 June my dear friend George, who is almost 96, inexplicably became

nauseous and well, he was a pretty sick guy.

The Firefighters couldn't have been nicer and they were able to come quickly (we're just on the edge of Huron Village).

This Thank You note is a bit overdue because I've been so busy getting George operational again; he's lived in Cambridge since the early 60's. I am so grateful to the Fire Department for their compassion and care and everything they did to help me get George to the hospital.

Can you please thank them for George and me.

Another long-time friend of mine lives just behind the Mormon church which burned recently (just up off Brattle Street), and he says the Firefighters saved his (very old) house. He told me they were amazing and heroic. I want these Firefighters to know that they are appreciated and valued so much by the people who live here in Cambridge, and - if you can - try not to cut their budget?

The short form is: we think they're a bunch of peaches.

Sincerely,

L.J..A. Getchell for G. Ehrenfried
Cambridge

Editor's note: Engine 9, Squad 4, and Professional Ambulance Paramedic 5 were assigned to this medical incident on Aberdeen Avenue, I# 8013082 at 1012 hours on 15 June 2009.

*Operating members included Engine 9: **FCapt. Charles Murphy**, **FFs John Mc Eachern** and **Arthur Moy**; Squad 4: **A/FLt. Hugh Devlin** and **FF Bill Barry**; and Professional Ambulance Paramedic 5: **Paramedic Derek Hirons** and **Paramedic Joseph Pepe**. Group 3 was on duty.*

Group 3 also was on duty for the fire in the Mormon Church.

Out and About



Engine 6 – Group 4
FF Michael Coffman, FF David Liu, and F.Lt. James Ferreira

- Photo by **FLt. Charles Lowe** (Engine 1)



DFC Gerry Mahoney (EPAC) and Patriots Linebacker **Adalius Thomas** are shown at the Harvard Square Mayfair



FLt. John O'Leary (Truck 2), Patriots DL **Ty Warren**, and **FCapt. Brian Gover** (Engine 1) at Harvard Square Mayfair

Over and Above –Engine 4 Dog Rescue



The picture above is of the dog E4 rescued 6/19/09.

The dog had been stolen from a yard on Montgomery St around 1230am. The dog somehow was able to escape from her captor. E4 had been out of quarters and she (Bella) was so frightened that she ran and hid under our truck in the middle of Rindge Ave while we were actually moving. FF Hugh & FF Vigilante were able to coax the frightened dog from under our truck and we took her back to E4's quarters. We notified Fire Alarm who also notified Animal Control. She spent the night sleeping with FF Hugh because she was so scared. FF Hugh took her home instead of leaving her at the firehouse alone and frightened. She really bonded with Ken.

The next day we checked Craig's list and sure enough we found the owner had listed Bella missing at 3am and offered a reward. The owner was so relieved we had found her. She said she had 3 small children and she was dreading telling them the dog was missing. Anyway, she drove to FF Hugh's house early Saturday morning and got her dog back. Of course FF Hugh would not accept any reward.

Another great save by the Cambridge Fire Department.

E4 say no more!!!!

Capt Larry Brogan

Sim Lab Training

To maintain proficiency in the constantly evolving, high-tech emergency medical skills, all members rotate through the various practical skills stations at the Emergency Medicine Simulation Laboratory at Professional Ambulance Service on Smith Place. Various medical situations can be simulated by the mannequin, controlled by a live operator from the control station.



FFs Edrice Vincent and Bob Mahoney, and FLt. Tom Carroll (Truck 4, group 1) provide care to a "patient."



Firefighters David George and Stephan Jeffres, and FCaptain Jason Grimm (Engine 3, group 1) survey of a “patient.”

- Photos above by **FLt. David Walles** (Training)

Matignon High School Demonstration

On the 26th of May, 2009, a demonstration, sponsored by SADD and Matignon High School was held to illustrate the results of OUI. In addition to the **Cambridge Fire Department’s Engine 4, Truck 4, Squad, 4, Rescue 1, and Division 2**, The **Cambridge Police** and **Professional Ambulance** participated..Group 3 was on duty. Thanks to the Matignon High School “victims.”









- photos above by **FLt. David Walles** (Training)

America's Heroes

Corporal Daniel Aloysius Haggerty, USMC was the first American killed, leading the initial landing party in the invasion of Vera Cruz, Mexico on 21 April 1914. On the orders of President Wilson, United States Marines and Sailors invaded Vera Cruz to prevent the offloading of munitions from the German steamer, *Ypiranga*. This occurred at the beginning of World War I at a time when the Mexican government was allied with Germany. Although not involved in the war yet, the United States supported the United Kingdom.

Corporal Haggerty was killed in the initial landing party from the battleship, ***USS Florida***. A first contingent of nearly 800 Marines and sailors landed at Vera Cruz on the afternoon of 21 April 1914. This contingent had taken and occupied most of the city by the following afternoon. In total, 6000 Marines landed at Vera Cruz and held the city and surrounding area for 7 months until, on the orders of President Wilson, the U.S. force was withdrawn and the city was returned to Mexico. Seventeen United States Sailors and Marines were killed while an estimated 400 Mexicans were killed.

On 11 May 1914, there was a solemn shipboard procession into New York Harbor. The remains of United States servicemen were borne by the ***USS Montana*** into New York Harbor and to Pier A at the Battery in Manhattan, followed by a procession through Manhattan, over the Manhattan Bridge to Brooklyn, and a memorial ceremony at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. The flag-covered remains of 13 sailors and 4 Marines killed in the invasion were borne by horse-drawn caissons in the solemn procession. The normally busy and noisy New York became still during this procession and ceremony. Multitudes of people paid their respects. President Wilson, Secretary of the Navy Daniels, Assistant Secretary of the Navy Theodore Roosevelt, the New York Governor, the New York City Mayor, and a host of other military and civic officials, family members, and the general public attended. Following the memorial service, Corporal Haggerty's body and the bodies of four of his comrades from New England were carried by the ***USS Montana*** to Boston.

Daniel A. Haggerty lived at 16 Harding Street, Cambridge. In 1915, the newly built Haggerty School on Cushing Street was named to honor the courage and sacrifice of Corporal Daniel A. Haggerty, USMC. The original Haggerty School was demolished and the new Haggerty School was opened in 1995. The motto of the Haggerty School is "While Everyone is Different, Everyone Belongs."



USS Florida (BB30)

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Canobie Lake Outing

The Annual Canobie Lake Outing is scheduled for 11 August 2009. Group 2 is on duty. For tickets and information, contact FF Mike Dwyer (Ladder 1, group 1), Ticket order forms are available in firehouses.

Information

Please submit any information, photographs, or narratives for inclusion in the ***Company Journal***.

E-mail list

If any retirees or friends of the Cambridge Fire Department wish to be added to the ***Company Journal*** e-mail list, send us the e-mail address!

Websites

Visit the Cambridge Fire Department website at www.Cambridgefire.org

Check out Cambridge Firefighters Local 30's website at <http://www.cambridgelocal30.org/>

Visit the Cambridge Retirement Board website at <http://www.cambridgeretirementma.gov/index.asp>



“Audentes fortuna invat.”

“Fortune favors the bold.”

- Publius Vergilius Maro (70 – 19 BC)

**REMEMBER THE MEN AND WOMEN SERVING IN OUR ARMED SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE
WORLD.
THEY ARE PROTECTING OUR COUNTRY, OUR LIBERTY, AND OUR FREEDOM.
THANK OUR VETERANS!**



**Brothers and Sisters,
STAY BRAVE!
STAY VIGILANT!
STAY SAFE!**

-jjg

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